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For : METHOD, IN PARTICULAR FOR FEEDING A CIGARETTE STRAND  
MACHINE AS WELL AS A DISTRIBUTOR DEVICE, IN PARTICULAR FOR  
CARRYING OUT THE METHOD

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 16, 2006, the period for response extending until January 16, 2007, reconsideration of this action and allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested and are now believed appropriate in view of the following amendments and remarks.

*A Listing of Claims* reflecting the status of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

*Amendments to the Drawings* begin on page 6 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

*Remarks* begin on page 7 of this paper.

An *Appendix* including Replacement Sheets and a copy of a Chinese Office Action (in Chinese and English) is attached following this paper.